

20 January 1998

Re: NEPA Technical Inquiry 0215A - CEQ Socioeconomic Impact Guidance

Dear NEPA Call-In User:

This letter is in further response to your December 22, 1997 request for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) draft guidance on socioeconomic impacts. This guidance was mentioned at a course you recently attended at Duke University, and you wanted a copy.

#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

NEPA Call-In found that the CEQ has not authored guidance addressing socioeconomic impacts. However, the CEQ has authored guidance on considering Environmental Justice under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Our detailed findings are provided below.

#### DETAILED FINDINGS

In our previous response dated January 6, 1997 we stated we contacted Associate Director for NEPA Oversight, CEQ, for the requested guidance. The Associate Director referred us to another CEQ member, who we were unable to contact. We stated we would continue our efforts to contact the CEQ member, and forward any information received from him in a follow up letter.

Since our previous response, NEPA Call-In spoke with Interagency Representative, CEQ. The representative stated that the CEQ has not authored guidance addressing socioeconomic impacts. However, the representative stated that the CEQ has authored guidance on environmental justice titled "Environmental Justice Guidance under the National Environmental Policy Act."

In a follow up call to you, you requested a copy of the CEQ guidance on environmental justice (enclosed).

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Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

NEPA Call-In Researcher